

House Resolution 148

By: Representatives Ralston of the 7th and Franklin of the 43rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Glenn Burns and inviting him to appear before the House of Representatives;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Glenn Burns has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital
4 leadership role that he has played in forecasting the weather which affects each of us on a
5 daily basis and for his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
8 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community as evidenced dramatically by his
9 25 years of superlative service as a meteorologist at WSB-TV Channel 2; and

10 WHEREAS, he began his broadcasting career at age 14 working part-time for WSVN-TV
11 in Miami, Florida, and since that time this Chief Meteorologist has established himself as an
12 expert on forecasting and tracking severe storms with Doppler Radar, resulting in warnings
13 of dangerous weather conditions that have saved countless lives; and

14 WHEREAS, he has made significant contributions to the education of our country's youth
15 by developing programs such as "Weather School" designed to help elementary and middle
16 school students better understand the complexities of meteorology; and

17 WHEREAS, his remarkable talents have been widely recognized as evidenced from the
18 numerous awards he has received from the Civil Defense, the Red Cross, Minnesota
19 Teacher's Association, the National Hurricane Center, and the University of Florida as well
20 as being voted Atlanta's best meteorologist by many publications; and

21 WHEREAS, this former intern of the National Hurricane Center under then Director, Dr.
22 Neil Frank, and Deputy Director, Dr. Joseph Pellisier, was even proclaimed an Admiral in
23 the "Georgia Navy" by Governor Joe Frank Harris; and

1 WHEREAS, this devoted family man, a loving husband to his beautiful wife Susan and a
2 wonderful father to their two children, Kimberly and Christopher, manages to find time to
3 stay involved in area charities, including the Center for Family Resources, which his wife
4 helped establish for young mothers in order to give them a second chance; and

5 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience
6 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of his
7 community have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates and
8 most especially the trust of the public who rely upon his accuracy and expertise.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
10 the members of this body commend Glenn Burns for his 25 years with WSB-TV Channel 2
11 providing efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service, extend to him their
12 most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness, and invite him to appear before
13 the House of Representatives on a date and at a time to be determined by the Speaker of the
14 House of Representatives.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
16 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Glenn Burns.